



# National Weather Service

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 1996

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage	Property		Crops	Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured					

### TEXAS, North

**TXZ119**

**Dallas**

**01 0800CST**  
**02 1200CST**

**0 0**

**Heavy Snow**

A cold arctic air mass that spread into North Texas on the 1st was overridden by warm, moist air as a strong upper level disturbance approached from New Mexico. Rain, freezing rain and sleet developed over the area. As the cold air deepened, all the precipitation turned to snow. By midday on the 2nd, the entire North Texas area had received a coating of ice and much of the region additionally received 1 to 3 inches of snow. Thousands of automobile accidents resulted in numerous indirect injuries and several indirect deaths. The unusual winter weather continued on the 3rd through the 5th as temperatures fell to record levels across the region on the 3rd and 4th. At 1000 am on the 5th, the temperature at the DFW airport climbed to 35 degrees, the first time above freezing temperatures were observed in 136 consecutive hours (this was the second longest sub-freezing period in history).

**Collin County**

**Princeton**

**15 1000CST**  
**2300CST**

**0 0**

**Wild/Forest Fire**

The combination of dormant winter vegetation and prolonged dry weather conditions resulted in a high fire danger during much of the month. The fire danger increased during the latter half of the month as temperatures climbed to record levels on several days, humidities fell into the teens and low level winds became strong and gusty. Burning bans were posted as a precautionary measure but over 250 major grassfires (none of which were started by weather phenomena) occurred with more than 75,000 acres burned. Many homes were burned down and numerous minor injuries (mainly to firemen) resulted.

Grassfires destroyed 5 homes in Princeton.

**Denton County**

**Justin**

**21 0800CST**  
**2300CST**

**0 0**

**Wild/Forest Fire**

Grassfires in the county destroyed 5 homes and a business in Justin, 6 homes in Aubrey and 4 homes in Sanger.

**Parker County**

**Poolville**

**22 0800CST**  
**2300CST**

**0 0**

**Wild/Forest Fire**

A large grassfire near Poolville burned over 20,000 acres and destroyed 65 homes and about 90 other structures. There were also 52 minor injuries.

**Dallas County**

**Richardson**

**27 0842CST**

**0 0**

**Hail(0.88)**

**Collin County**

**Farmersville**

**27 0915CST**

**0 0**

**Hail(0.75)**

**Hunt County**

**Merit**

**27 0930CST**

**0 0**

**Hail(2.00)**

**Collin County**

**Copeville**

**27 1015CST**

**0 0**

**Hail(0.75)**

**Delta County**

**Ben Franklin**

**27 1015CST**

**0 0**

**Hail(0.75)**

**Lamar County**

**10 S Paris**

**27 1030CST**

**0 0**

**Hail(0.75)**

**Hunt County**

**White Rock**

**27 1040CST**

**0 0**

**Hail(1.75)**

Golfball size hail covered the ground



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Klondike	27	1105CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Delta County									
7 S Cooper	27	1110CST			0	0			Hail(1.75)
Navarro County									
1 NW Corsicana	27	1240CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Henderson County									
Tool	27	1320CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)
Henderson County									
5 NW Tool	27	1320CST			0	0			Hail(0.75)